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FROM AMBASSADOR LEWIS AND CONSUL GENERAL

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)
SUBJECT: SECSTATE VISIT: MRS. VANCE'S SCHEDULE

REF: STATE 5849

1. BECAUSE MOST IMPORTANT ARCHAEOLOGICAL/HISTORICAL SITES
ARE IN EAST JERUSALEM, PROPOSE CONGEN HANDLE ARRANGEMENTS
FOR MRS. VANCE, WHICH WILL BE COORDINATED WITH ISRAELI
AUTHORITIES. CONTROL OFFICER WILL BE FSO EDMUND HULL. THE
CONSUL GENERAL WILL ACCOMPANY ON AS MANY VISITS AS POSSIBLE,
OTHER DUTIES PERMITTING. MRS. LEWIS WILL ALSO ACCOMPANY.
PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOLLOWS.

2. MONDAY, JANUARY 16.

0900 HOURS - DEPART FOR BETHLEHEM TO VISIT CHURCH OF THE
NATIVITY.

1015 HOURS - RETURN JERUSALEM - VISIT OPHEL (CITY OF DAVIL)
WHICH IS OLDEST PART OF JERUSALEM. VISIT
CANAANITE, JEBUSITE, AND ISRAELITE WALL.
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HASMONEAN WALL. GIHON SPRING. POOL OF
SILOAM. TIME PERMITTING, VISIT KIDRON
VALLEY TOMBS (JEHOSAPHAT, ABSALOM, ZECHARIAH).

1230 HOURS - LUNCH AT HILTON.

1400 HOURS - ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AT TIME OF CHRIST,

INCLUDING ST. STEPHENS GATE, POOL OF BETHESDA,
ST. ANNE'S CHURCH, ANTONIA FORTRESS, SITE OF
JUDGEMENT, AND FLAGELLATION. HADRIAN'S (ECCE HOMO) ARCH.

2000 HOURS - STATE DINNER.

3. TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

0900 HOURS - VISIT PROFESSOR MAZAR'S EXCAVATIONS NEAR
TEMPLE MOUNT/HARAM ESH SHARIF AREA. THESE
ARE THE MOST FAMOUS EXCAVATIONS IN JERUSALEM
AND GIVE A GOOD PICTURE OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL
SEQUENCE FROM IRON AGE THROUGH ISRAELITE, ROMAN,
BYZANTINE, OMAYYAD (EARLY MUSLIM) PERIODS.
AFTERWARDS, VISIT WESTERN (WAILING) WALL,
WILSON'S ARCH (HERODIAN PERIOD) AND SUB-
TERRANEAN EXCAVATIONS ALONG TEMPLE MOUNT.

1230 HOURS - LUNCH AT HOTEL

1600 HOURS - TEA FOR EMBASSY/CON GEN WIVES AT AMBASSADOR'S
RESIDENCE, TEL AVIV. WE WOULD LIKE TO GET
OUT INVITATIONS IMMEDIATELY FOR TEA EITHER
IN MRS. VANCE'S NAME OR IN MRS. LEWIS'S
NAME IN HONOR OF MRS. VANCE. PLEASE
INDICATE PREFERENCE (SINCE INVITATIONS IN
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MRS. VANCE'S NAME NOT AVAILABLE, SUGGEST
LATTER OPTION). WE WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE
NOT ONLY WIVES OF EMBASSY AND CONGEN EMPLOYEES,
BUT AS MANY OF WOMEN STAFF MEMBERS AS MAY
BE ABLE TO ATTEND. TOTAL NUMBER OF ATTENDEES
APPROXIMATELY 75, AND WE WILL STAGGER TIMES
OF INVITATIONS BETWEEN 1600 AND 1800 TO
ENABLE AS MANY TO ATTEND AS POSSIBLE IF THIS
ACCEPTABLE.

4. IN EVENT POLITICAL COMMITTEE REQUIRES SECRETARY'S
ATTENDANCE ON WEDNESDAY, VISITS TO ADDITIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL
SITES (HEROD'S CITADEL OR RECENT EXCAVATIONS OF FOUNDATIONS
OF HEROD'S PALACE) COULD BE SCHEDULED.

5. FOREGOING TAKES ACCOUNT OF MRS. VANCE'S VISIT LAST
AUGUST AND INCLUDES MANY OF IMPORTANT SITES SHE WAS
UNABLE TO SEE THEN.

6. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS IN
JERUSALEM (ESPECIALLY MAZAR'S) HAVE BEEN SUBJECT OF
CENSURE BY UNESCO. GIVEN SIMULTANEOUS PRESENCE OF

POLITICAL COMMITTEE AND CODEL ZABLOCKI, BELIEVE SCHEDULE
PROPOSED ABOVE OFFERS BEST CHANCE FOR RELATIVE FREEDOM
FROM THE PRESS. SINCE ISRAELI SECURITY WILL HAVE TO
APPROVE OF ITINERARY AND PROVIDE SECURITY ESCORT, THERE
IS POSSIBILITY OF SOME COVERAGE BY MEDIA.

7. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S REACTION ASAP.
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